

I lose sleep
and spirit
and simply keep growing old
but I am a tough old bitch
there are no grudges
I know how things work with people
it is all open between us
all very civilized
what hurts is
that I cannot become
twelve years younger
he tells me he loves you
but differently than he loves me
and he assures me
all is well

oh christ oh christ
how's that for an ending

COMPARISON BY CONTRAST

describe, said the contest
chairman, in as few words
as possible, a fourteen line limit,
who you are
without using your
physical appearance
birth statistics, hobbies
occupation, or sex:

Jane
Goodall

Is
Probably

Un-

afraid

Of

The

Dentist

Or

Death

Or

Lonely

People